


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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, David B. Mount, of the City of Brentwood, State of Tennessee, Eric Delpire, of the City of Nashville, State of Tennessee, and Alfred L. George, Jr., of the City of Brentwood, State of Tennessee (hereinafter "Assignors"), have invented certain new and useful improvements in PURIFIED AND ISOLATED POTASSIUM-CHLORIDE COTRANSPORTER NUCLEIC ACIDS AND POLYPEPTIDES AND THERAPEUTIC AND SCREENING METHODS USING SAME for which an application for Letters Patent of the United States was made on April 14, 2000 as United States Provisional Application Serial Number 60/197,350.

AND, WHEREAS, Vanderbilt University, a non-profit organization located at Nashville, Tennessee (hereinafter "Assignee"), is desirous of acquiring an interest therein.

NOW, THEREFORE, To Whom It May Concern, for good and valuable consideration, as described in the Policy on Technology and Literary and Artistic Works in the Vanderbilt University 1993-1994 Faculty Manual, the sufficiency and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, Assignors have sold and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and convey unto the said Assignee, its successors and assigns, his/her or their entire right, title and interest in and to the said invention and application, and in and to any and all United States patent applications filed pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §111(a) pertaining to said invention and/or which claim priority to the United States provisional patent application referenced above, and in and to any and all continuations, continuations-in-part, or divisions thereof, and in and to any and all Letters Patent of the United States of America and all foreign countries or reissues thereof which may be granted therefor or thereon, for the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted, together with their right to claim the priority of said application in all foreign countries in accordance with the International Convention, the same to be held and enjoyed by said Assignee, its successors and assigns, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by Assignors if this assignment and sale had not been made.

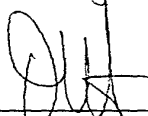
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Assignors hereby request that said Letters Patent be issued in accordance with this assignment.

Assignors further covenant and agree that, at the time of the execution and delivery of these presents, Assignors possess full title to the invention and application above-mentioned, and that they have the unencumbered right and authority to make this assignment.

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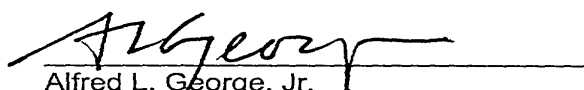

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